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SUBJECT: KISSINGER AID PROPOSALS

1. THERE FOLLOWS REACTION TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S
REMARKS ON U.S. AID BASED ON INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.

2. AN EDITORIAL IN EL COMERCIO FEBRUARY 2 TOOK A MODERATE TONE,
BUT AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL CARTOON SOMEWHAT OFFSET IT. THE
ROQUE DRAWING SHOWS KISSINGER HOLDING A WHIP IN ONE HAND, A RING
LABELED "THIRD WORLD" IN THE OTHER, AND A DOVE STRANGLED BY AN
OLIVE BRANCH LYING NEARBY. HEADLINED "THREAT OF RETALIATIONS."
THE CAPTION READS, "WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE RIGHT TO BE HOSTILE
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3. THE EDITORIAL, HEADLINED "IMPORTS AND EXPORTS", DEALS MORE
WITH THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR DIALOG DEALING WITH RAW MATERIALS.
HOWEVER, IT CONCLUDES: "THAT POLICY (OF UNDERSTANDING) MUST BE
UPHELD IN SPITE OF THE DECEPTIONS WE SUFFER AS A POOR COUNTRY.
KISSINGER SUGGESTS DIALOG TO CONSIDER ASPECTS OF FOREIGN TRADE AND
NEVERTHELESS THE UNITED STATES KEEPS IN EFFECT ITS VIRTUAL ECONOMIC
AGGRESSION, ESPECIALLY AGAINST ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA. THE
CONTRADICTION IS MANIFEST AND DISCOURAGING."

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4. EDITORIAL COLUMNIST IN EL COMERCIO AND EL TIEMPO WERE MUCH

MORE SPECIFIC, AND CRITICAL, IN ARTICLES APPEARING FEBRUARY 3. WHILE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER JULIO PRADO WROTE AT LENGTH IN A CRITICAL ANALYTICAL ARTICLE IN EL TIEMPO, LEFTIST RAUL ANDRADE OF EL COMERCIO APPROACHED A VICIOUS PERSONAL ATTACK IN HIS COLUMN, "KISSINGER AND MICKEY MOUSE."

5. ANDRADE SAID KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS THAT ECONOMIC AID WOULD BE TAILORED TO SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS SHOWS "MORE THAN A LACK OF TACT, A TOTAL IGNORANCE OF THE SPIRITUAL FACTORS THAT STIR SPANISH AMERICAN REACTIONS TO U.S. POLICY."

6. ANDRADE CITED U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE HEMISPHERE, PARTICULARLY CUBA AND CHILE, AS BASIC REASONS FOR "GROWING HOSTILITY TOWARD U.S. INTERVENTIONISM." COMBINED WITH THE HOSTILE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD OPEC AND THE KISSINGER PLAN TO OCCUPY OIL FIELDS WITH MILITARY FORCES

ONE IS REMINDED OF THE WALT DISNEY CARTOONS OF THE CAT AND MOUSE, HE SAID.

"DISNEY WAS COMICAL; MISTER KISSINGER IS NOT (SO FUNNY) AS HE THINKS; HIS GAME HAS BEEN DISCOVERED AND, FURTHERMORE, HE IRRITATES."

7. PRADO SAID THE KISSINGER STATEMENT WAS A "GROSS SETBACK TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS", AND IF COUNTRIES WERE TO ACCEPT THAT POSITION THEY WOULD BE "MORTGAGING THEIR LIBERTY AND SOVEREIGNTY."

8. HE ADDED: "OBVIOUSLY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AIM TO PROMOTE FRIEND AND MESH INTERESTS. BUT A POLICY OF THE BIG STICK, SUCH AS THAT LAUNCHED BY MR. KISSINGER, OPERATES IN THE OPPOSITE SENSE. HE HAS DECIDED US WITH HIS STATEMENTS... MR. KISSINGER HAS MADE A MISTAKE. THE PATH OF THREATS IS NOT THE ONE THAT LEADS TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS."

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